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SUBJECT: VISIT OF MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BELKHODJA

1. REQUEST EMBASSY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM SECRETARY  
OF AGRICULTURE BERGLAND TO MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE BELKHODJA  
QUOTE:

HIS EXCELLENCY  
HASSAN BELKHODJA  
MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE  
TUNIS, TUNISIA

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DEAR MR. MINISTER:

I AM DELIGHTED TO LEARN THAT YOU WILL BE VISITING THE UNITED  
STATES NEXT MONTH UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE'S LEADER  
GRANT PROGRAM. AS DEPUTY SECRETARY WHITE NOTED IN HIS  
RECENT LETTER, I WOULD BE MOST PLEASED IF YOU COULD VISIT ME  
WHILE IN WASHINGTON. SUBJECT TO YOUR CONCURRENCE, I WOULD

LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO MY OFFICE AT 10:00 A.M., FRIDAY,  
JULY 15. THIS APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN CONFIRMED WITH THE  
BUREAU OF EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL AFFAIRS, DEPARTMENT OF  
STATE.

QUOTE:

MR. MINISTER, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE OUTLINES OF YOUR  
PROGRAM AND ITINERARY IN THE UNITED STATES WHICH CENTERS  
ON WASHINGTON, D.C., ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, PITTSBURGH,  
PENNSYLVANIA, AND CALIFORNIA. IF I MAY ASSIST IN ARRANGING  
VISITS TO FARMS, AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITIES, AND AGRI-  
BUSINESS FIRMS, PLEASE LET ME KNOW OF YOUR INTERESTS. THE  
RESOURCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE WILL BE AT YOUR  
SERVICE.

QUOTE;

MINISTER BELKHODJA, I RETURNED TO WASHINGTON JUNE 24 AFTER  
ATTENDING THE WORLD FOOD COUNCIL MEETING IN MANILA WHERE I  
HAD THE PLEASURE OF MEETING MANY OF THE WORLD'S AGRICUL-  
TURAL LEADERS. I BELIEVE THAT THE MEETING WAS A SUBSTAN-  
TIAL CONTRIBUTION TOWARD WORLD FOOD SECURITY BY PROVIDING  
A FORUM WHERE AGRICULTURAL LEADERS COULD EXCHANGE IDEAS ON  
THIS MOST BASIC AND URGENT PROBLEM. I AM LOOKING FORWARD  
TO SUCH AN EXCHANGE WITH YOU.

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BOB BERGLAND  
SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE CHRISTOPHER

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